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Red Nuclear Progress Declared 'Remarkable'

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Congressional experts said after a top-level briefing yesterday that Russia has made "quite remarkable" progress in nuclear weaponry. One predicted that resumption of United States atmospheric tests was "just a matter of time."

Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D-Wash.) said he believed last fall's series of aerial blasts enabled the Russians to make weapons progress which "threatened the military integrity of the United States."

And Rep. Clet Hollifield (D-Calif.), chairman of the Joint Senate-House Atomic Energy Committee, said the Russians have "certain advantages" over this country in weapons development.

Hollifield and Jackson spoke to reporters following a report by John A. McCone, director

of the Central Intelligence Agency. The "full and complete" report was based on analysis of debris from Russia's test blasts, Hollifield said. Chairman Glenn T. Seaborg of the Atomic Energy Commission accompanied McCone.

Hollifield hinted, though he would not say so directly, that the briefing indicated advances by the Russians in developing a missile to knock down U. S. missiles.

"The report of course is classified," he said. "Suffice it to say that it caused all members of the Committee to have great concern."

"Certainly there is a type of test which will have to be undertaken if we are to maintain our advanced position," Hollifield added.

Jackson was even stronger in urging immediate resumption of U. S. aerial testing to match Soviet gains. He

said such tests are necessary to protect the national security.

"I personally feel it's just a matter of time," Jackson said. But he would not predict when President Kennedy might give the go ahead.

Jackson said Committee members were "pretty unanimous" in believing the United States should resume aerial nuclear experiments. This country has announced 10 fallout-free underground weapons tests since Russia broke the three-year-old test moratorium by exploding a series of fallout-producing devices high over the Arctic.

President Kennedy also has ordered preparations for atmospheric testing.

Jackson declined to say whether information available to the U. S. Government showed major Soviet progress in developing the anti-missile missile. But he said the briefing indicated "quite remarkable" Soviet advances.

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McCone Briefs Committee
on Nuclear Testing

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UPI) Congressional experts said after a top-level briefing today that the Soviet Union had made "quite remarkable" progress in nuclear weaponry. One predicted that resumption of United States atmospheric tests was "just a matter of time."

Senator Henry M. Jackson, Democrat of Washington, said he believed that last fall's series of aerial blasts had enabled the Russians to make weapons progress that "threatened the military integrity of the United States."

Representative Chet Hollifield, Democrat of California, chairman of the Senate House Atomic Energy Committee, said the Russians had "certain advantages" over the United States in weapons development.

Mr. Hollifield and Mr. Jackson were interviewed following a report by John A. McCone, director of the Central Intelligence Agency. The report was based on analysis of debris from the Soviet test blasts. Mr. Hollifield said, Glenn T. Seaborg, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, accompanied Mr. McCone.

Mr. Hollifield stated, although he would not say so directly, that the briefing had indicated advances by the Russians in developing a missile to knock down every missile.

"Great Concern" Noted

"The report of course is classified," he said, "but suffice it to say that it caused all members of the committee to have great concern."

"Certainly there is a type of test which will have to be undertaken if we are to maintain our advanced position," Mr. Hollifield went on.

Senator Jackson asserted that immediate resumption of aerial testing was necessary to protect United States security.

"I personally feel it's just a matter of time," Senator Jackson said.

Mr. Jackson said committee members were "pretty unanimous" in believing the United States should resume aerial nuclear experiments.

The United States held underground nuclear tests since the Soviet Union broke the three-year-old test moratorium by exploding a series of devices over the Arctic. Underground tests produce almost no fallout; aerial tests do.

President Kennedy has ordered preparations for a atmospheric testing.

Mr. Jackson declined to say whether information available to the United States Govern-



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DISCUSS NUCLEAR TESTING: John A. McCone, at left, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, with Representative Chet Hollifield, California Democrat. Mr. McCone testified later yesterday before Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, of which Mr. Hollifield is a member.

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